

## LOCAL NEWS.

**THE FIRE LAST NIGHT.**—About half-past nine o'clock last night, flames were discovered issuing from the New Theatre, on King street, belonging to Serepta Hall Company and Chas. M. Taylor, Esq. The building, being entirely of frame, with the exception of its front and rear, and covered with a felt roof, was speedily completely enveloped, and the flames were rapidly communicated to the adjoining buildings, belonging to Geo. E. French, Wm. Arnold, James M. Stewart and Henry L. Simpson. The entire space occupied between the brick buildings of Wm. Arnold, on the East, and James M. Stewart, on the West, was consumed, and the rear of the adjoining buildings on Royal street, partially damaged. The loss incurred by the destruction of the Theatre building was \$8,000—insured in a Baltimore company for \$2,000. Mr. French's loss was \$500—fully insured. J. M. Stewart's loss was \$200—fully insured. H. L. Simpson's loss was \$200—no insurance. The loss of Mr. Gladke, whose jewelry store was in the building, was partially covered by insurance. The contents of the Shakespeare Saloon were destroyed, upon which there was no insurance. The Friendship, Sun and Steam Fire Engines were promptly on the spot, and it is due entirely to their noble and strenuous exertions that an immense destruction of property did not ensue, for the wind was blowing a gale at the time, and the roofs of the neighboring buildings were continually bestrewn with burning cinders. When we first reached the scene of the conflagration, and witnessed the dense volumes of black smoke and the lurid flames extending almost as high as the tall buildings which surrounded the burning space, and saw the myriads of ignited and glowing embers being whirled and wafted towards the eastern part of the city by the high wind then prevailing, we feared a repetition of the fire which occurred here in 1827, but thanks to the energy and efficiency of our Fire Department, we are spared the recital of such a disaster.

The Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, which closed last night, in this city, an agreeable and peculiarly harmonious session of eight days, contained among its components more refinement, learning and talent than are usually exhibited in deliberative bodies of the same size. Among those in attendance were many whose distinguished powers of theological rationation and ecclesiastical oratory have rendered their names as familiar as household words in the Methodist Church, and whose efforts in behalf of Methodism have aided greatly in the enormous increase and influence of that numerous denomination of Christians. The Conference was presided over by the venerable and able Bishop Early, and its action in establishing an independent Conference, in connection with the General Conference of the M. E. Church South, meets the hearty and unanimous approval of its charges. The religious relations and social associations formed by a portion of our citizens with the members of this Conference will long be cherished among their fondest recollections.

**MAYOR'S VETO OF THE RAILROAD BILL.**—The following communication has been addressed by the Mayor to the President of the City Council:

"MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
"Alexandria, Va., Feb. 10, 1866.  
"To the President and City Council of Alexandria:  
"Gentlemen:—After a thorough and careful examination of the Railroad Bill passed on last Tuesday night by your honorable body, I believe it would be detrimental to the interests of the city, and also unconstitutional for the City Council to pass such a bill without referring it to the tax paying voters of the Corporation, for their ratification or rejection, and believing a large majority of the voters opposed to the bill, I respectfully decline signing it.  
"Very Resp'y. your most o'bt. serv't., &c.,  
"C. A. WARE, Mayor."

We have received for distribution the very able address of Gov. Peirpoint to the General Assembly in regard to the Valley Railroad, and other schemes, the design of which is to make a gift to Baltimore, free of charge, of all the improvements heretofore built by our State and people. The people of Alexandria look with confidence to their Senator and Delegates, and those from neighboring counties, whose interests are identical with ours, to use their utmost efforts to defeat, if possible, all such schemes. Though we be poor, we trust we are not yet prepared to be sold out to the B. & O. R. R., whose unrelenting enmity to all our interests has been hitherto manifested on every occasion, backed up by the Legislature of Maryland.

The following bill passed the Virginia House of Delegates on Wednesday, and having passed the Senate is now a law:

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly, That if it shall become necessary in order to repair and make available the Alexandria Canal, for the use and transportation of goods, produce and the like, that the city of Alexandria shall be required to sell or dispose of its stock in the said Canal; that in that event the Board of Public Works are hereby authorized to unite with the Corporation aforesaid by their Council in making like disposition for the best practicable consideration of the interest by the State in said canal.*

2. This act shall be in force from its passage.

Night before last it cleared off cool, the wind coming out stiff from the North West, and soon increasing to what at sea would be called a gale. Yesterday morning was cold, and the mercury in the thermometer continued to steadily decline during the whole day; and last night, the river, which for some days previous had been free of ice, though the wind was still blowing high, was once more frozen entirely over. This morning, we think the temperature was as intensely cold as we ever experienced it.

**POLICE REPORT—MAYORS OFFICE.**—One white woman, arrested for drunkenness, was reprimanded and discharged.

**MAGISTRATES' OFFICE.**—No cases worth reporting.

## COMMERCIAL.

## The Markets.

**ALEXANDRIA.**—There has been no change worthy of note in this market since our last report. Flour and grain are quiet, with very limited receipts. Groceries are unchanged, except sugars, which have advanced from 4@4c. Butter, Eggs, &c., remain at last week's figures. The cold snap has closed navigation again and renders business on the wharves dull.

**NEW YORK, Feb. 15.**—Cotton quiet. Flour declined ten cts. Wheat and Corn dull. Beef quiet. Pork heavy. Lard and Whiskey dull.

**BALTIMORE, Feb. 15.**—Flour, declining tendency. Wheat dull. Corn firm. Oats dull. Seeds very quiet. Provisions dull and unchanged. Sugar firm. Whiskey, \$2.21—Corn declined 2 cents; sales 42,000 bushels at 78. Lard heavy at 15 1/2@18 cents. Whiskey dull at \$2.20@2.22. Cotton quiet. Sugar firm; Muscovado 11 1/2@11 3/4 cents; sales of 1,000 bags Havana at 12 cents.

Beef—receipts, 1,000 head; prices favor buyers; sales range as follows: Very best offering 8 1/2@9; first quality butchers', 7@8; second quality, 6@6 1/2. Hogs—a light supply at 13@14. Sheep—demand steady at 5 1/2@7 1/4.

## DIED.

On Wednesday night, in the 65th year of his age, PETER NEIBER, a native of Germany, but for the last fourteen years a resident of this place.

**LOST.**—A large yellow WOODEN TRUNK, flat top, was taken last night during the fire, from No. 93, King street. Also one GOLD WATCH. A liberal reward will be paid for the return of these articles to No. 19, North Royal street. feb 16—3t\*

**FERTILIZERS.**—We are now daily expecting No. 1 Peruvian Guano, Turner's "Excelsior," Turner Ammoniated Phosphate, Coe's Super Phosphate and Super Phosphates, which we will sell low for cash on delivery. feb 15—2w T. A. BREWIS & CO.

## LIQUORS.

10 bbls. Old Rye Whiskey, some very superior.  
10 bbls. Apple Brandy, Domestic Brandy and Gin. [fe 16—1m] T. A. BREWIS & CO.

## INSTRUCTION ON THE

PIANO, GUITAR, HARP, AND IN VOCAL MUSIC.

The undersigned, after an absence of six years, again presents himself to his friends and the public generally, for giving instruction on the above named instruments and in vocal music.

Those desiring to secure his services will please apply at either Mr. French's or Mr. Entwistle's Book Store, on King Street, and at the Journal and Gazette offices. sep 11—tf JOHN F. BRANT.

## VICTOR BECKER.

**PIANO TUNER AND REGULATOR.** Will attend promptly to the Tuning and Repairing of Pianos, Melodeons, Accordeons, &c., &c. Orders will be received at Mr. Robert Bell's Book Store, No. 61, King street; with Mr. John H. Parrott, and at V. B.'s residence, 241, King street.

V. Becker also offers his services and long experience in the business, to persons wanting new Pianos, and wishing the advice of an able and disinterested judge. ap 4—tf

## INSTRUCTION IN MUSIC.

J. G. FOERTSCH gives instruction on the Piano, Organ, &c., in Thorough-Bass and Musical Composition.

Orders may be left at G. E. French's and R. Bell's Bookstores, the Gazette Office, and his residence, No. 134, Duke street. jan 4—tf

## J. MILLER,

(Successor to R. H. Miller & Son & Co.) Wholesale and Retail Dealer in CHINA, GLASS, EARTHENWARE, STONEWARE, WINDOW GLASS, PIPES, &c., &c. oc 23—eo6m No. 65 KING STREET.

**HAY FOR SALE,** by JNO. S. KNOX, jr., No. 10, Union street. feb 10—1m

## BOOTS AND SHOES!

## NEW STOCK!

## NEW STYLES!

## CHEAP!

Just received, a large and well selected stock of Ladies', Gent's, Misses, and Children's BOOTS, SHOES, and GAITERS, of every description, and of the latest styles. Ladies, in want of good and nice fitting shoes, for themselves and children, at very moderate prices, will do well to call at No. 80, King st. feb 15—tf JOHN T. EVANS.

## I. O. O. F.

The members of POTOMAC LODGE, No. 38, respectfully announce that their SECOND LEVEE will be held at the Hall on Columbus street, on THURSDAY EVENING, FEB. 22d, in honor of the birth of the IMMORTAL WASHINGTON.

**Committee of Arrangements.**—Chas. F. Webster, W. J. Mitchell, Henry Brengle, Charles Goodrich, R. M. Latham, Chas. Baum, James H. Pickens, Wesley Avery, J. D. Appich, A. Kell, Samuel Tennessee, J. R. Davis, Enoch J. N. Rudd.

**Marshal**—Hugh Latham.

Refreshments furnished the Ladies.

TICKETS, \$2.

Coaches will call for the Ladies, commencing at 6 1/2 o'clock.

Ceremonies will commence at 8 1/2 o'clock.

feb 14—1w

## NOTICE.

## FISH WHARF LOTS FOR SALE.

On Saturday at 12 o'clock will be sold at Public Auction, on the Fish wharf, lots for the erection of Booths. The lots will be laid out, numbered and sold in regular order, beginning with lot No. 1, to the highest bidder.

Terms—Cash at time of sale.

BOWEN, BRO. & CO.

**IN ORDER TO SECURE THE** prompt arrival of FISH in the market, there will be a STEAMBOAT put on, which will leave the Fishing shores every evening, arriving here in time for the markets next morning. feb 14—d5t

## GREAT CHANGE AND A SPLENDID CHANCE FOR PURCHASERS.

CHARLES A. GLADKE'S CLOTHING HOUSE, 119, King street, is now selling out its entire stock of Clothing and Gent's Furnishing Goods, at less than cost, to make room for an entire new stock of Spring and Summer Goods. The above is only to be sold at a sacrifice up to March 1. Come early and secure great bargains. Yours respectfully, CHAS. A. GLADKE, feb 9—tM1

## NEW WOOD YARD.

MR. J. JOHNSTON having opened a WOOD YARD on HENRY STREET, between King and Cameron, is prepared to offer the best seasoned pine and oak wood, in lots from one-fourth of an cord to one hundred cords, at GREATLY REDUCED PRICES.

Seasoned Pine Wood.....(delivered).....\$6.50

Seasoned Oak.....".....".....7.00

jan 26—1m\* J. JOHNSTON.

**OILS.**—Coal Oil, Raw and Boiled Linseed Oil, Sperm Oil, Lard Oil, Whale Oil, Machine Oil (very fine) Tanners Oil, Neatsfoot Oil, Alcohol, Turpentine and Benzine, just received and for sale by [ja 29—tf] JANNEY & CO.

**PUBLIC SALE.**—The undersigned being left Executors to the will of the late Thomas Coffey, deceased, will offer at Public Sale, at Fairfax Court House, on Monday, February 19th, 1866, that being Court day, a TRACT OF LAND, containing 213 acres, 1 rood, and 32 poles. Said Land has two tenement Houses on it, and lays in the immediate vicinity of Burke's Station, about three fourths of a mile from the O. & A. R. R., is well wooded, with an abundant supply of Oak and Chestnut Timber. Persons who wish to purchase can view the premises for themselves. Mr. Enos Fairfax, living adjoining the estate, will take pleasure in showing those who wish to purchase, and give any information in regard to title, &c.

Terms of Sale:—One-third of the purchase-money to be paid in Cash, the balance in six and twelve months, with a deed of trust to secure the two last instalments.

LEVI BURKE,

GEORGE SELEMAN,

Ex'rs. to the Will of the late Thos. Coffey dec'd.

Fairfax county, feb 3—td\*

## PROF. GUILLAUME FOCHE

announces that he has commenced the second quarter of his

## DANCING SCHOOL.

Days and hours of tuition as formerly. Two New Dances—Midshipman's Schottish, and Friska, will be taught.

Applications can be made at the School House, or, in my absence, names and address can be left at the Magnolia House.

Every 1st and 3d Monday in each week, Practising Soirees will be given. Tickets, admitting a gentleman and ladies \$1.

GUILLAUME FOCHE,

Teacher in the Naval Academy,

jan 17—tf

## GEORGE WASHINGTON,

(SUCCESSOR TO WITMER & WASHINGTON.)

## FORWARDING AND

COMMISSION MERCHANT,

Office No. 8, Union street, up stairs,

ALEXANDRIA, VA.

Particular attention paid to the selling of all kinds of Country Produce, and of filling orders for Groceries, Guano, Seeds, &c.

Goods promptly forwarded. jan 5—tf

**WALL PAPERS AND WINDOW CURTAINS,** of the latest patterns, furnished and hung in the best manner. Oval and Square PICTURE FRAMES made to order.

J. P. CLARKE,

No. 155, King street.

jan 25—tf

## J. P. BARTHOLOW &amp; CO.,

Manufacturers, and Wholesale and Retail Dealers in AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS, SEEDS AND FERTILIZERS, 25, King st., between Water and Union sts, ALEXANDRIA, VA.

PLOWS AND PLOW CASTINGS, CULTIVATORS, HARROWS,

FIELD ROLLERS,

CORN SHELLERS,

HAY, STRAW AND FODDER CUTTERS,

ROAD SCRAPERS,

OX YOKES,

YOKE BOWS,

HORSE POWERS,

FARM MILLS,

GRINDSTONES,

BELTING,

SHAFTING,

LONG CROSS CUT-SAWS,

CIRCULAR SAWS,

CARDS AND CURRY COMBS,

TRACE CHAINS,

BUCKETS,

BASKETS,

MEASURES,

ROPE,

BLOCKS,

SINGLE AND DOUBLE TREES,

SHOVELS,

SPADES,

FORKS,

AXES,

PICKS,

WHEELBARROWS,

CANAL BARROWS,

SCALES, &c., &c.

GARDEN GRAIN AND FIELD SEEDS.

AGENTS FOR FAIRBANKS' SCALES,

AND

HERRING'S FIRE AND BURGLAR

PROOF SAFES.

Sales and Scales sold at guaranteed Factory Prices.

J. P. BARTHOLOW & CO.

25, King street, Alexandria, Va.

feb 8—3m 558, 7th st., Washington, D. C.

## THE "EUREKA" SMUT AND SEPARATING MACHINE.

warranted to give perfect satisfaction, in separating wheat, and entirely freeing it from smut. Huntley and Babcock's Adjustable Flour, Bolt or Bran Duster.

The Mattison Flour Packer.

Utica French Burr Mill Stones.

Scales, Bolting Cloths, Belting, &c., &c.

Johnson & Co's Celebrated Force Pumps.

The undersigned are prepared to supply any thing in the Mill Furnishing Line. For further particulars and circulars, with full cuts of machines, terms, &c., &c. Address

KNOX & SMITH, No. 6, south Union st., Alexandria, Va.

Sole Agents for this city, Georgetown, and vicinity, Valley of Virginia, Lynchburg and Tide water, Va. feb 14—tf

## AUCTION SALE OF A LOT OF SUPERIOR WINES AND BRANDY.

Will be sold at Public Auction, on Friday, 16th inst., at 11 o'clock a. m., at the storehouse of the undersigned, MIGHTY-FOUR PACKAGES WINES AND LIQUORS, consisting of 37 Cases Angell Wine, 1 doz. each.

11 " " " " " "

2 " " " " " "

6 Baskets Champagne, " " " " " "

22 Cases Sonoma Brandy " " " " " "

Terms Cash.

MATTHEWS & LOVING,

Auctioneers.

No. 4, Janney's Wharf, and

No. 8, Union street,

Alexandria, Va.

feb 14—2t

**POTATOES.**—Received per steamer from Philadelphia, 400 Bushels of White and Red New Jersey MERCE POTATOES, and two hundred Bushels of Early Spoons, Seed potatoes, three weeks earlier than any other kind. For sale by NATHANIEL BOWEN & CO.

feb 14—1w No. 24, Canal st.

## PURE FRESH MILK from the country.

brought to town every morning. Families who wish to be supplied, will please leave their directions with JAS. GRIGG,

feb 14—1m No. 179, King street.

## 100 TONS PACIFIC ISLAND GUANO,

50 tons Bone Dust. For sale by

JOHN S. KNOX, Jr.,

feb 10—1m No. 10, Union street.

**GARDEN SEED.**—A full supply of fresh and genuine GARDEN SEED, consisting of the choicest varieties, received and for sale by

HENRY COOK,

jan 31—tf 29, King street.

## FOR RENT.—THE STORE at the N. W.

corner of King and Fairfax streets. Possession can be given immediately. Apply to Reuben Johnston or John West. jan 23—cont

## HOTEL AT MANASSAS STATION.

## CHAPPELL HOUSE.

This house is now open and is prepared to accommodate the travelling public.

O. P. CHAPPELL,

Proprietor.

feb 13—3m

**FOR RENT.**—A first-class STOREROOM and WAREHOUSE—possession given immediately. Inquire of

R. L. WOOD,

feb 12—tf No. 179, King street.

## PLASTER—

To arrive, per Schr. Nancy T. Brayton, cargo Soft Blue Lump Plaster. For sale by

W. A. SMOOT,

feb 10—2w No. 21, North Union st.

## YEAST CAKES—Invaluable to Housekeepers,

and warranted to give satisfaction—just received and for sale by

jan 29—tf JANNEY & CO.